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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 4721

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E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT, CB

SUBJ: ALLEGED SIHANOUK VISIT TO ANGKOR

1. NEITHER ANGKOR CONSERVATOR BERNARD GROSLIER NOR FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE LTC FOUREST HAVE ANY INDICATIONS AT ALL THAT SIHANOUK ACTUALLY VISITED THE ANGKOR AREA EARLIER THIS YEAR AS HE CLAIMS. BOTH CONCLUDE THAT SIHANOUK DID NOT RPT NOT VISIT ANGKOR, OR THAT HE CAME UNDER SUCH STRICT CONSTRAINTS OF ANONYMITY AS TO HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY UNKNOWN.

2. FOUREST, WHO HAS 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN CAMBODIA, IS TELLING HIS GOVERNMENT THAT HE BELIEVES THAT SIHANOUK PROBABLY DID SET FOOT ON KHMER TERRITORY, BUT ONLY UNDER STRIDENT NVA CONTROL. FOUREST AND GROSLIER CONCLUDE THAT HANOI'S AIM WAS TO OBTAIN AN
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EXPLOITABLE INTERNATIONAL ADVANTAGE, WITHOUT YIELDING
SIHANOUK ANY OPPORTUNITY TO POLITICK AMONG THE KHMER
ON HIS OWN.

3. LIKE US, THESE FRENCH OBSERVERS NOTE THE VERY
GENERAL FAILURE TO SIHANOUK' S VISIT TO AROUSE INTEREST
IN PHNOM PENH OR SIEM REAP.

4. PLEASE TREAT AS NOFORN.
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